

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8602  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
USINT BAGHDAD  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PBOR, IZ, KU  
SUBJECT: KUWAIT OPENS BORDER WITH IRAQ

REF: KUWAIT 3669 (NOTAL)

1. GOK INTERIOR MINISTRY SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT ON JULY 25 KUWAITI AUTHORITIES OPENED THE KUWAIT BORDER POST AT AL-ABDALI, ON THE SINGLE PAVED ROAD BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, TO LAND TRAVEL BY KUWAITI NATIONALS TO AND FROM IRAQ. THIS BORDER POST IS OPPOSITE AND SOUTH OF SAFWAN, ITS IRAQI COUNTERPART.

2. COMMENT: THERE IS GENERAL APPROVAL OF THIS MOVE AMONG KUWAITIS, WHO HAD BEEN CUT OFF FROM TYPES OF MERCHANDISE NOT AVAILABLE IN KUWAIT, AND WHO OWN UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPERTY OR HAVE OTHER INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN IRAQ. PERSONAL ACCESS TO SUCH INTERESTS HAD BEEN BY LENGTHY AIR/LAND TRAVEL PRIOR TO THE BORDER OPENING, THOUGH GOODS AND NON-KUWAITIS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO PASS. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, THE BORDER OPENING IS ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AFTER THE JUNE 27-JULY 3 TALKS IN

BAGHDAD, THOUGH WE NOTE THAT IT WAS NOT THEN MENTIONED  
IN THE STATEMENT ON THESE TALKS WHICH THE GOK GAVE  
TO THE PRESS ON JULY 3 (REFTEL).  
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